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SUBJECT:LOS: PARTICIPATION BY PAUL ENGO IN INTERSESSIONAL
MEETINGS

REF: STATE 284134

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, COMMITTEE I INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON
DEEP SEABED ISSUES WERE HELD IN NEW YORK FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO
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28. CONSULTATIONS WERE CONVENED BY UN SECRETARIAT AT THE

REQUEST OF PAUL ENGO. APPROXIMATELY 50 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED. IN ADDITION, SMALLER, "CORE" GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 22 COUNTRIES WAS ALSO FORMED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN, ELY LAUTERPACHT OF AUSTRALIA.

2. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, ONE PRINCIPAL QUESTION CONSIDERED AT NEW YORK MEETING WAS HOW TO ESTABLISH MECHANISM FOR EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION ON SEABED ISSUES DURING INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD. IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER TWO-WEEK MEETING IN FEBRUARY AND THAT, IF POSSIBLE PAUL ENGO SHOULD CHAIR SUCH A MEETING. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE LIMITED TO GROUP OF 22 PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES WHICH ENGO SHOULD WISH TO ADD AND ENGO SHOULD EXTEND INVITATIONS HIMSELF, AS UN SECRETARIAT CANNOT ISSUE INVITATIONS TO SELECTIVE GROUP OF COUNTRIES.

3. ENGO IS AWARE OF VIEWS OF PARTICIPANTS IN NEW YORK MEETING THROUGH BOTH REPORT FROM LAUTERPACHT AND ENGO/RATINER TELCONS.

4. IN ENGO-RATINER TELCON OF DECEMBER 11, ENGO AGREED TO HOLD NEXT INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN IN YAOUNDE BECAUSE OF FACT THAT A NUMBER OF KEY LDC REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR GROUP OF 77 CONTACT GROUP MEETING AT END OF JANUARY AND WOULD BE MEETING AGAIN IN EARLY MARCH IN NEW YORK. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO CHAIR NEW YORK MEETING IF POSSIBLE. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF US EMB COULD MAKE POINT TO CHIEF OF STATE OF CAMEROON THAT ENGO'S PRESENCE IN NEW YORK WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF LOS CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT US EMB MAKE SUCH A POINT BUT ASKED THAT NO INDICATION BE MADE THAT ENGO WAS BEHIND APPROACH OR KNEW OF IT.

5. EMB IS REQUESTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AT HIGH LEVEL IN GOC INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, PRESIDENT AHMADOU AHIDJO:

U.S. AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON DEEP SEABED ISSUE IN LOS CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERENCE;

PAUL ENGO HAS A PIVOTAL POSITION IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I;

WE UNDERSTAND THAT ANOTHER INTERSESSIONAL MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK IN FEBRUARY;

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ENGO BE
MADE AVAILABLE TO GO TO NEW YORK TO CHAIR THIS IMPORTANT
MEETING. INGERSOLL

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